

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/589,821	TANAKA ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	James Mackey	1791	

All Participants:

Status of Application: Amended

(1) James Mackey.

(3) _____

(2) Alan Kasper.

(4) _____

Date of Interview: 27 December 2007

Time: _____

Type of Interview:

- ☒ Telephonic
☐ Video Conference
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

none

Claims discussed:

all of record

Prior art documents discussed:

Fisher

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.


 (Examiner/SPE Signature)

 (Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Applicant was notified that the amendment filed on 07 December 2007 omits claims 7 and 8, incorrectly presents claim 4 as a multiple dependent claim, does not list claims 5 and 6 as "withdrawn", and presents changes to claim 1 (e.g., plural "protectors" and "grooves") without proper underlining. The Examiner further suggested amending "plurally in an axial direction" in claim 1 to clearly recite that the plural radial second grooves are axially spaced, to clearly define over the plural grooves disclosed in Fisher.